

recognizing their sacrifice to the United States.

S. 2773. An act to amend the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to address satellite offices of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

S. 3198. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise any rules necessary to enable issuers of index-linked annuities to register on a form tailored specifically to registered index-linked annuities, and for other purposes.

S. 3903. An act to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities.

S. 5016. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Colonel Mary Louise Rasmuson Campus of the Alaska VA Healthcare System", and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING PROMISES TO NATIVE NATIONS

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, in 2018, the United States Commission on Civil Rights released the "Broken Promises" report, a project undertaken at my request to evaluate Federal obligations to Indian Country.

Here is a summary. For too long, the Federal Government has failed to live up to its treaty and trust responsibilities to Tribal nations. As a result, many Native communities lack adequate housing, health facilities, schools, and justice centers. Many lack basic infrastructure—roads, water, and telecommunications—required to deliver needed support services.

Congress and the Federal Government have a moral and legal obligation to fulfill the promises that have been made, and that is why I am proud to introduce the Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act, legislation to help reverse the decades-long pattern of systemic funding shortfalls and to strengthen Federal programs that support Indian Country.

This bill includes provisions to reaffirm the nation-to-nation relationship between the Federal Government and Tribal nations and to better meet the needs of Native communities.

Action is long overdue, Mr. Speaker, and Congress should move swiftly to get this done.

EVIDENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize National Bible Week, we have the chance to reflect on the wisdom and guidance that the Holy Scripture provides to us as we seek to govern.

It was Benjamin Franklin who said: I know that my redeemer lives. And if a sparrow cannot fall without His knowing, surely an empire cannot rise without His aid.

We see evidence of God's love and providence in so many aspects of our American lives. From our military, who have kept our Nation safe, to the doctors and researchers who have developed lifesaving medicines and cures because they have the freedom to innovate, to the miners, rail workers, and manufacturers who have built a strong and prosperous country, and to the farmers and producers who till our soil and grow the food that we rely on, there is abundant evidence that we are truly a blessed Nation.

May God continue to bless these great United States of America.

CONGRATULATING JIM GARDNER ON HIS RETIREMENT

(BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the legendary career of Philadelphia news anchor Jim Gardner and to thank him for his remarkable contributions to the Philadelphia area and broadcast journalism.

It was back in 1976 that Jim first started his career at Philadelphia's local ABC affiliate, WPVI. For more than 46 years now, he has helped bring the news, both good and bad, to millions of us who live in the Delaware Valley.

Jim has been at the center of ensuring that Philadelphia and the entire region were proud in times of success, unified in moments of division, and calm during times of crisis.

Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong Philadelphian, it is simply impossible to imagine Philadelphia TV without Jim Gardner. I thank him for his years of service and wish him and his family all the best.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES SMITHGALL

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles Smithgall of Lancaster, who passed away in October at the age of 77.

Charlie, as he was known to so many, will be greatly missed. He was a husband to Debbie, a father to Allison, a grandfather to two boys, and a friend to all that he met.

Charlie graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School in 1963 and later the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy

and Science, and then he spent the rest of his life working to improve the lives of those in his hometown of Lancaster as operator of his family's pharmacy, which continues to operate on West Lemon Street.

Charlie also worked to improve the health of Lancaster city. He served as mayor from 1998 to 2006 and worked tirelessly to revitalize the city. Major developments such as the convention center there and Clipper Magazine Stadium would not have been possible without his leadership.

Charlie was also a devoted collector of military equipment, including cannons. If you have watched historical movies such as "Gettysburg" or "Lincoln," chances are that you have seen one of Charlie's cannons on the big screen.

We will all miss Charlie. While we mourn the loss of our friend, we offer our prayers of comfort to Debbie, Allison, and his entire family.

A WIN FOR OFFSHORE WIND

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a more secure future for offshore wind and for Massachusetts' leadership in this growing clean energy sector.

The removal of the proposed crewing amendment is a win for offshore wind and for Massachusetts. I am proud to have fought on behalf of clean energy independence and my district's economic development.

However, we should not replay this saga every Congress. With Republicans taking the gavel, I am ready to work across the aisle and with dissenting voices in my own party to negotiate a permanent solution that advances offshore wind and anchors American jobs at home.

I look forward to working on a bipartisan compromise to support domestic mariners and shipbuilders and to safeguard our clean energy future.

A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Eighty-one years ago today, our Nation endured a tragic loss when Pearl Harbor was targeted in a surprise attack, resulting in over 2,000 military and civilian casualties, more than 1,000 injuries, and the loss of a naval fleet.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was intended to cripple the United States, but it did just the opposite. Men and women across the country rallied together to support our country as it entered World War II, from enlisting in the military to volunteering for the